CLAIMS

1. A method for manufacturing an absorbent article comprising the steps of continuously feeding out a long, extensible, continuous member from a predetermined position and conveying, cutting said continuous member into lengths each equivalent to a length of one sheet of said absorbent article at a predetermined position in a conveying path, and fixedly arranging said cut continuous member at a predetermined position of said absorbent article,

wherein a predetermined pattern is preliminarily printed on said continuous member at a printing pitch shorter than the cutting length of said continuous member, and the speed for feeding out said continuous member is controlled such that said predetermined pattern is located at a predetermined part of said cut continuous member, thereby obtaining the absorbent article in which said predetermined pattern is arranged at a predetermined position.

2. The method for manufacturing an absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said continuous member which is brought into an extended state prior to cut is joined with other continuous members, and then the joined members are cut altogether so as to arrange said predetermined pattern at the predetermined position of said absorbent article.

3. The method for manufacturing an absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said speed for feeding said continuous member is controlled such that said continuous member is fed out by one printing pitch with respect to one cut of said continuous member.

4. The method for manufacturing an absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein a length of said conveying path of said continuous member from a predetermined position where said continuous member is fed out to a predetermined position where said continuous member is cut is set to a constant length.

5. A long, continuous member which is joined with other members so as to be used as a part of an absorbent article, wherein patterns are printed on said continuous member in a longitudinal direction thereof at a pitch shorter than a cutting length of said continuous member, and the printing pitch of said patterns can be made coincident with the cutting length of said continuous member by extending said continuous member in the longitudinal direction

in any step up to the joint with said other members.

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